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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d).

(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 08 / Technology Center 2100

filed on 03/07/1997, entitled HANDWRITING TEXT INPUT SYSTEM

## NOTES

**FILING QUALIFICATIONS:** The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. Effective May 29, 2000, a CPA may only be filed in a utility or a plant application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 29, 2000. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See "Request for Continued Examination Practice changes to and Provisional Application Practice," Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office (Apr. 11, 2000).

**C-I-P NOT PERMITTED:** A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

**EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION:** The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

**ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION:** The filing of this CPA will be construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the applicant under 35 U.S.C. 122 to the extent that any member of the public who is entitled under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning, the prior application may be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning, the other application or applications in the file jacket.

**35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT:** In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 CFR 1.78(a).

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- ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
- ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
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CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c) or (j))		<del>23</del> 18 - 20* =		x \$ _____ =	\$ _____
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b) or (i))		4 - 3** =	1	x \$ 84 =	84
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))				+ \$ _____ =	
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16)	750
				Total of above Calculations =	834
				Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.27).	417
				TOTAL =	417

\* Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent.  
 \*\* Reissue independent claims over original patent.

6. ☒ Small entity status: Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_:
- a. ☐ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
- b. ☐ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.17.
- c. ☐ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.18.
8. ☒ A check in the amount of \$417.<sup>00</sup> is enclosed.
9. ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
10. ☐ Applicant requests suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(b) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months (not to exceed 3 months) and the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) is enclosed.
11. ☐ New Attorney Docket Number, if desired \_\_\_\_\_  
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FEBRUARY 3, 2003



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Serial Number : 08/813,247  
Appn. Filed : 03/07/97  
Applicant : Mitsuhiro Aida  
Appn. Title : Handwriting Text Input System  
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Mailed on : February 3, 2003

At : Nara City, Japan

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Sir:

Concerning the Office communication mailed on 10/24/2002, applicant makes the following response.

Paragraph 6 of the Office action states that Claims 84-103 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. Sec. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which

In reply thereto, applicant amended the claims. A character input may be or may not be followed by such special function keys as Enter, etc, which is a choice of operator at the time of entering the character. Also, Industry Standard IBM 3270 special function keys include Enter(Return), as well as Clear, Reset, Cursor Sel, PA1-3, PF1-24, Test Request, etc, and Enter(Return) key is usually used to terminate an entry and also to activate a function.

Paragraphs 8 of the Office action states that claims 84-89 93-99 and 103 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), as being anticipated by O'Dell, U.S. Pat. No. 5109352, 4/92.

In reply thereto, applicant amended the claims, as per attached, O'Dell claims do not correspond to any claim of the present invention. Fig. 5 of O'dell shows the discovery, as stated in the O'Dell specification, in col. 10, lines 20-.

Paragraph 10 of the Office action states that claims 90-92 and 100-103 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over O'Dell in view of Shimizu et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,870,492, 2/99 (filed 6/92).

In reply thereto, applicant states that the U. S. Patent No, 5870492 (Shimizu) relates to an improvement in handwriting character entry apparatus, and the present invention does not have the features of character recognition. Also, there is no relation between O'Dell and Shimizu, as Shimizu relates to the hand-written character recognition, and O'Dell does nothing for the recognition.

Paragraph 11 of the Office action states that applicant's arguments filed May 20, 2002 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In reply thereto, applicant amended the claims, as per attached.

It is respectfully requested that this patent application be reconsidered, claims 104-121 allowed, and the case passed to issue.

Very respectfully,

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Amendment of claims